

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and following remarks. Claims 2-5, 10, 17, 19, 20 and 22-28 are pending in the application, with claims 19 and 20 being in independent format.

Claim 28 has been amended to replace the term "operating head" with "working head", thereby conforming the language of claim 28 to that of independent claims 19 and 20.

It is urged that support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed and that the amendment does not constitute new matter or raise new issues for consideration.

Claim rejections under 35 USC §112, second paragraph

Claim 28 stands rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Specifically, the Examiner notes that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the term "the operating head". As discussed above, claim 28 has been amended to recite "the working head", as used in independent claims 19 and 20.

It is urged that one of skill in the art would clearly be able to understand the metes and bounds of the presently pending claims and that the rejection of claim 28 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, can thus be properly withdrawn.

Claim rejections under 35 USC §103

Claims 2-5, 10, 17, 19, 20, 22-24 and 26-28 stand finally rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,080,170 to Nash et al. in view of US Patent no. 5,217,474 to Zacca et al.; and claim 25 stands finally rejected 35 USC §103(a) as being obvious over Nash et al. in view of Zacca et al. and further in view of US Patent No. 6,258,052. Applicant intends to appeal against these rejections.

Concluding Remarks

Should the Examiner have any further concerns regarding the subject application, she is respectfully invited to telephone Janet Sleath or Ann Speckman at 206.382.1191.

Respectfully submitted.


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